

Agenda

Groundfish Peer Review (GPR)

Public Meeting – 3-5 February 2003, New England Center, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire

<http://www.necc.unh.edu/>

Meeting Details:

Contact the New England Center regarding lodging. The attached form for lodging should be completed and forwarded directly to the Conference Center. The per night cost is \$89.00. Meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) can be purchased at the dining facility of the Center.

Driving Directions are given below

Independent Peer Reviewers:

Dr. Ewen Bell, Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, Lowestoft, England

Dr. Robin Cook, FRS Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen, Scotland

Dr. Murdoch McAllister, Imperial College, London, England

Dr. Robert Mohn, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Halifax, NS, Canada

Dr. Andrew Payne, (chair/summarizer) Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, Lowestoft, England

Public Session Moderator:

Mr. Don Perkins, Gulf of Maine Aquarium

Monday, 3 February

0900-1700 Public Session – Topic: **Trawl Survey Issues**

Background Documents:

-Report of the Workshop on Trawl Warp Effects on Gear Performance
<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsc/publications/crd/crd0215/>

- Report of the Groundfish Assessment Review Meeting
<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsc/publications/crd/crd0216/>

- Report of the Trawl Survey Experiment Workshop
available online

- Other contributed documents

Order of the Day:

Introduction of peer reviewers, presentation of terms of reference, and discussion of ground rules (Moderator)

Formal Presentations:

- *An Overview of Trawl Survey Issues* – **Russell Brown** (30 minutes)
- *Trawl Warp and Related Experiments*- **Michael Fogarty** (1 hour)
- *Intervention Analyses to Detect Trawl Warp Offset Problems, Sensitivity Analyses, Scale of Potential Offset Factors*- **Paul Rago/Jon Brodziak** (1 hour)
- *Comparison of length Composition data from Trawl Experiments*- **Tom Nies**

Facilitated Discussion regarding presented materials in relation to terms of reference (All)

Tuesday, 4 February

0800-1700 Public Session – **Biological Reference Points**

Background Documents:

- Report of the Working Group on Re-Evaluation of Biological Reference Points for New England Groundfish

<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsc/publications/crd/crd0204/>

- Report of the Overfishing Definition Review Panel:
<http://www.nefmc.org/documents/overfishing/>

- Report of SAW 36

- Report of the Groundfish Assessment Review Meeting:
<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsc/publications/crd/crd0216/>

NEFMC Council Meeting Report for July 2002, summarizing Scientific and Statistical Committee review of re-estimated reference points
<http://www.nefmc.org>

(Go to "News and Motions," then click on "Council Reports")

- Other contributed documents

Order of the Day:

Formal Presentations:

- *Re-Evaluation of Biological Reference Points, Goals and Objectives-* **Steven Murawski** (1 hour)
- *A Strategy to Evaluate Alternative Stock-Recruitment Models-* **Christopher Legault** (30 Minutes)
- *Evidence for Density-Dependence in Species and Ecosystem Responses-* **Ralph Mayo/Jon Brodziak** (30 Minutes)
- *An Age-structured Production Model Based Assessment and Reference Point Evaluation for the Gulf of Maine Cod Stock* **Doug Butterworth**
- **TBD Victor Crecco**
- **TBD Yong Chen?** (30 minutes)
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Facilitated Discussion regarding presented materials in relation to terms of reference
(All)

Wednesday, 5 February

0800-1700 Public Session – **Projections of Stock Rebuilding**

Background Documents:

-National Standard Guidelines for Overfishing Definitions: Final Rule

[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=1998_register&docid=fr01my98-23.pdf)

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- AgePro Users manual:

- GARM Report Revised Projections

<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsc/publications/crd/crd0216/>

- Other Contributed Documents

Order of the Day:

Formal Presentations:

- *NMFS National Standard Guidelines and Stock Rebuilding*- **Pamela Mace** (30 Minutes)
- *Projection Methodologies used to evaluate Medium-Term Impacts*- **Jon Brodziak** (1-hour)
- *TBD*- **Massachusetts Fisherman’s Partnership (David Lincoln)?**

Facilitated Discussion regarding presented materials in relation to terms of reference, (All)

Thursday, 5 February – Saturday, 8 February

Executive Session – Peer Reviewers and support staff person (Karena Jolles, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department)

Discuss issues raised at public workshop and in supporting documents. Develop strategy for completing individual reports and summarizer.

Last session, discuss logistics of report completion and public dissemination of results (with appropriate Council, NMFS and other representatives).